

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A mail item feed module of a franking machine comprising a Separator~~separator~~ for separating envelope flaps from envelope bodies, of which an active zone of separation comprises a supple part.

2. (Currently Amended) The mail item feed module~~separator~~ of Claim 1, wherein said supple part comprises a peripheral edge arranged at the level of an envelope conveyor deck.

3. (Currently Amended) The mail item feed module~~separator~~ of Claim 1, wherein the supple part comprises overmoulded plastic on a steel wire ~~of~~having a minimum diameter of about one millimetre.

4. (Currently Amended) The mail item feed module~~separator~~ of Claim 1, wherein the supple part comprises a moulded elastomer of silicone type.

5. (Currently Amended) The mail item feed module~~separator~~ of Claim 1, wherein said supple part is detachable from a rigid part of the separator.

6. (Currently Amended) The mail item feed module~~separator~~ of Claim 5, wherein the supple part is connected to the rigid part by a fixation means of slideway or rail type.

7. (Currently Amended) The mail item feed module~~separator~~ of Claim 6, wherein the fixation means comprises a plastic material.

8. (Currently Amended) The mail item feed module~~separator~~ of Claim 5, wherein said supple part is articulated on said rigid

part by a hinge.

9. (Currently Amended) The mail item feed module separator of claim 1, wherein the separator allows for moistening envelope flaps.

10. (Previously Presented) A mail item feed module of a franking machine comprising a separator for separating envelope flaps from envelope bodies, of which an active zone of separation comprises a supple part, wherein the separator allows for the moistening of the envelope flaps.